



## **H.Con.Res. 236 – Recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Con.Res. 236 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Dreier (R-CA) on October 16, 2007. The Committee agreed to seek consideration under suspension of the rules, as amended, by Unanimous Consent on October 23, 2007.

H.Con.Res. 236 is expected to be considered by on November 5, 2007.

### **SUMMARY**

H.Con.Res. 236 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino;
- Expresses its deep gratitude to the Republic of San Marino for its close collaboration and support in issues of critical importance to our economic and national security interests; and
- Commemorates the first bilateral exchange of Ambassadors in the history of our long relationship.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Republic of San Marino, located in Central Italy, is the third smallest country in Europe. San Marino was founded in AD 301 by Marinus the Dalmatian when he fled persecution from the anti-Christian Roman Emperor Diocletian.

San Marino is a full member of several international governing bodies, including the United Nations (UN), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Health Organization (WHO). The Republic also has diplomatic relations with over 70 countries.

Earlier this year, the United States and San Marino upgraded their diplomatic relations to ambassador-level, and exchanged bilateral ambassadors for the first time in our country's history.

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